

## **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

14. **(Currently Amended)** An endoscopic imaging system, comprising:  
a signal processor for processing a video signal sent from an imaging device;  
a plurality of adjusting elements for adjusting various properties of a video signal sent  
from said signal processor;  
an external storage unit detachably attachable to said endoscopic imaging system for  
storing adjustment values to be set by said adjusting elements; and  
a controller for modifying settings of said adjusting elements according to said  
adjustment values stored in said external storage unit.

15. **(Previously Presented)** An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 14,  
wherein said adjusting elements include at least one of a white balance adjusting element, a light  
adjusting element, a tone adjusting element, and a contour enhancing element.

16. **(Currently Amended)** An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 14,  
wherein ~~said adjusting elements can be detachably attached to a signal processing apparatus~~  
~~including said signal processor and adjusting elements~~ said adjustment values include a  
changeable value.

17. **(Currently Amended)** An endoscopic imaging system according to claim  
[[16]] 14, wherein said adjustment values ~~to be set by said adjusting elements~~ are stored as a  
plurality of types of adjustment values on separate external storage units.

18. **(Currently Amended)** An endoscopic imaging system according to claim  
[[16]] 14, wherein said adjustment values ~~to be set by said adjustment elements~~ are specified as a

set of adjustment values for each of a plurality of fields in which said endoscopic imaging system is used, and wherein each set of adjustment values are stored on separate external storage units.

**19. (Currently Amended)** An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 16, wherein said adjustment values ~~to be set by said adjusting elements~~ are specified as a set of adjustment values for each of a plurality of operators handling said endoscopic imaging system, and wherein each set of adjustment values are stored on separate external storage units.

**20. (Previously Presented)** An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 18, further comprising an alarm circuit for giving an alarm when an external storage unit other than an external storage unit, on which adjustment values associated with an intended field or operator are stored is connected to said signal processing apparatus.

**31. (Previously Presented)** An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 19, further comprising an alarm circuit for giving an alarm when an external storage unit other than an external storage unit on which adjustment values associated with an intended field or operator are stored is connected to said signal processing apparatus.

**32. (Currently Amended)** An endoscopic imaging system comprising:  
an imaging means for projecting an object image; and  
a signal processing means for processing an image signal outputted from said imaging means, wherein said signal processing means comprises:  
a signal processing circuit for processing said image signal outputted from said imaging means to produce a video signal;  
a plurality of adjusting circuits for adjusting the properties of the video signal ~~sent from said signal processing circuit based on an adjustment value~~;  
a portable recording medium slot to which a portable recording medium for storing ~~pre-recorded adjustment value values for adjustments by said adjusting circuits~~ is detachably connectable; and

a control circuit for controlling operations of said adjusting circuits according to the adjustment value values stored in a portable recording medium connected to said portable recording medium slot.

33. (New) An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 32, wherein said adjustment values include a changeable value.